(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) yes, Sir.

(b) It was decided that patrolling of the Coast including the shallow waters is the responsibility of the Coast Guard under section 14 of the Coast Guard Act, 1978. However, financial assistance is extended to the State government of Gujarat by the Central Government by way of reimbursement of the expenditure incurred by the State government for hiring fishing trawlers for Coastal Patrolling. The State government was also advised that it could explore the possibility of hiring a few high speed boats for greater effectiveness, as the hiring charges would be re-imbursed by the Central Government.

(c) Does not arise.

Smuggling Activities Along the border

871. SHRI JAYANT KUMAR MALHOUTRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that smuggling activities particularly along the Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal Border have increased substantially;

(b) whether Government have received intelligence reports that Chinese agents are entering monasteries in North Bengal and Sikkim posing as Tibetan refugees;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the present infrastructure for policing and intelligence collection along the border is completely inadequate to deal with the situation; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to check these activities?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) As smuggling is a clandestine activity, it is not possible to say definitively whether it has increased along the Indo-Nepal border.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) in order to check undesirable activities along the Indo-Nepal border as also for better policing of the border, vigilance has been increased and all Central and State agencies have been instructed to steps up enforcement in a coordinated manner. The concerned State Government have also been advised to evolve an Action Plan to strengthen policing along Indo-Nepal border. Central Government has assisted State Governments in this regard through police modernisation grants and is prepared to provide further assistance on the basis of their action plans.

Diplomatic efforts are being made with Nepal to discourage the activities of certain agencies inimical to Indias interest on the Indo-Nepal border. It has been assured at the highest levels in Nepal that their territory will not be misutilised for activities prejudicial to the interests of India. Our concern regarding unauthorised trade and smuggling from this border has also been expressed at various bi-lateral fora.

"टाडा" के अन्तर्गत कैदी

872. श्री डी॰ पी॰ यादव: क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या "टाडा" को समाप्त किये जाने के पश्चात् भी "टाडा" के अन्तर्गत कैदी बन्दी हैं तथा उनके मामले विचाराधीन हैं; यदि हां, तो उनकी संख्या कितनी है; और

(ख) "टाडा" की समाप्ति के पश्चात् भी कैदियों को "टाडा" के अन्तर्गत बन्दी रखने के क्या कारण हैं?

गृह मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी): (क) और (ख) व्यावृत्ति धारा, अर्थात् भूतपूर्व टाडा (पी) अधिनियम, 1987 के खण्ड 1 (4) के अनुसार, इस अधिनियम की समाप्ति के दिन लंबित पड़ी कोई जांच या कानूनी कार्यवाहियां उसी प्रकार से जारी रखी जाएंगी जैसे मानो की अधिनियम समाप्त ही नहीं हुआ हो। उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार, इस समय देश में टाडा (पी) अधिनियम, 1987 के मामलों में 1006 व्यक्ति निरूद्ध हैं।